

Weekly HAPPENINGS

Nov 23, 2025

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Purpose: Joyfully taking God's love into the world!

Thanksgiving Worship

Tuesday, Nov 25 - 6pm
AT Bethlehem Lutheran
(4000 Hudson Rd.)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH THE ADVENT SOUP SUPPERS



Set up + Serve + Clean up
Donate \$ to pay for soup
Donate cookies

Sign up at the
Welcome Center table!

Share in
fellowship,
worship and
three soup
suppers
during the
Advent
season.

The soup suppers will precede the 6pm/evening Advent worship services. A free-will offering will be collected.

You can support the suppers with cash donations for the soup (as a soup sponsor), donations of cookies or bars, and/or by volunteering to help with food setup, chair setup, or serving the meal and clean-up. Sign up at the Welcome Center table. SOUP SPONSORS: put your donation into a labeled envelope at the Welcome Center table collection box (remember to mark yourself paid on the sheet).

Welcome to ALL!

Please let us know any questions you may have or anything we can do for you. Our volunteers are ready to help!

[Pastor Brian Julin-McCleary](#) would love to meet up, in person or otherwise, and share more about St. John, chat about the Gospel or whatever else might be on your mind. He can be reached at 319-888-3814 or PastorBrian@stjohncf.org.

RESTROOMS are located on the main level near the Sanctuary.

HEARING ASSIST DEVICES are available for **both** worship spaces. Go to an usher or the soundboard for assistance.

MEMBERSHIP: Contact the church office or complete the form on the website found on the Membership page. A "Welcome to St. John" series is held each fall.

CHILDREN are welcome in worship. Our nursery is located near the F&LC and available for you to use with infants/toddlers under 3.

WORSHIP SERVICES ARE LIVE- STREAMED ON FACEBOOK

@STJOHNCF OR watch CFU Channel 18 on
Sundays, 7:30am or Wednesdays, 6pm (replay
10am service previous week)

WIFI Password: [connectcaresharegrow](#)

For Information

- Online: www.stjohncf.org
- Call the office: 319-268-0165
- Follow us on Facebook: [stjohncf](#)
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RECONCILING in CHRIST

Wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome here in the name of Jesus Christ. We celebrate that each person is loved by God. We affirm the gifts of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression, and are committed to working for racial equity.
Welcome to St. John Lutheran Church!

Sign up to give
a Poinsettia for
Christmas

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Consult the website for a complete listing of building use dates/times.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

NO Ladies Bible Study (Library)
6pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship at & in partnership with Bethlehem Lutheran (4000 Hudson Rd., CF)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

7am Walking Wednesday
@ Big Woods Lake/south lot
5:30pm Handbell Rehearsal (Rm. 310)
6:30pm Youth Group: Game Night

THURSDAY, NOV 27 & FRIDAY, NOV. 28

Thanksgiving Holiday
Church office closed

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30 ADVENT 1

8am & 10am Worship Services

NO Confirmation or Sunday School
9am Taking Faith Home (atrium table)
9am Perennials Bible Study (Library)
NO The New Jim Crow Book Discussion (Chapel)

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Thanksgiving Worship

Tuesday, Nov 25 - 6pm / Sanctuary
at/in partnership with Bethlehem Lutheran

Worship each Sunday at 8am & 10am

Worship each Wednesday in Advent

Dec 3, 10 & 17 / Sanctuary
12noon ("Advent Service of the Word")
6pm ("Holden Evening Prayer")
Soup Supper served 5-6pm

Sunday, Dec 14

8am worship includes special Choir music
9:10am/Children's Christmas Program

Quiet Christmas Worship

Sunday, Dec 14 - 4pm
at St. John / in partnership with Bethlehem

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

9am & 7pm / Sanctuary
3pm & 5pm / Faith & Life Center

Christmas Day Online Facebook Devotion

Sunday, Dec 28 - 9am / Faith & Life Center

Service of Lessons & Carols

Sunday, January 4 / 8am & 10am / Sanctuary

SIGN UP TO SPONSOR 2026 ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers are provided by generous donors and may be given in memory of loved ones, in thanksgiving for God's blessings, or in celebration of special events. Arrangements for the Sanctuary cost \$50 (two arrangements) and for the Faith & Life Center cost \$30 (one arrangement). The church office will place the order & Bancroft's Florists will bill you directly. **Sign up in the booklet at the Welcome Center table for the date you would like to sponsor flowers!**



JOY-FILLED VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteer to be a part of our
Christmas Eve worship services
OR the Sunday service following

SIGN UP to help in one of these roles:
usher, greeter, communion server, Welcome Center, reader
Candle / Glow Stick Distributor

2026 H2 Jamaica Mission Trip Cancelled

A few months ago, announcement was made about the H2 Jamaica mission trip scheduled for February and several St John members expressed interest in going. A few weeks ago, Hurricane Melissa devastated the western 1/3 of the island. In consultation with ministry partners in Jamaica, it was decided to cancel the medical and irrigation teams for 2026. The Jamaican Ministry of Health advised that due to extensive damage at hospitals and clinics, they could not accommodate the medical team. Many agricultural areas received over 30" of rain making irrigation work nearly impossible. Much of the area remains without power and many roads are impassable.

Fund-raising efforts are underway to help our brothers and sisters in Jamaica. Last week H2Jamaica was able to send \$10,000 to their ministry partners to help with immediate needs for food, water, shelter, and supplies. One of the H2 Jamaica Board members is traveling to Jamaica soon taking needed supplies and making an assessment of how we can provide further help. If you would like to support these efforts, funds can be directed to H2Jamaica (3906 Maryhill Dr., Cedar Falls, IA 50613 or (<https://www.h2jamaica.org/>)).

Thank you. Hank Wellnitz

HEALING & CONCERN. . .

Mary Rector; Roger Nolting (Darla Striegel's dad); Jenna Borwick; Rich England; Grant Gubbrud; Diana Smith; Anna Mary Cobie-Alliss; Paulo (Barb Feuerhak's son-in-law); Dorothy Bright; Mandy McCleary; Muriel Galloway (Charisse Folken's mom); Jennifer Kurtenbach; Luella Rance (Helen Duncan's sister); Kathi Jennings; Lisa Driscoll (Sarah Langel friend); Goose; Gayle Wood; Paul Moser (Diana Smith's ex-husband); Dan Ott & Bart Peyton (Terry Phillips sons-in-law); Elaine (Sue Holm's cousin); Becca (Paula McDougall's niece); Christine (Lori Schneider's friend); John Morgan; Jeff Bowers; Eileene Katcher; Diana (Jean Morehouse friend); Kelly (sister of Kathy Taylor); Abby Palsic (April Hannam's sister); Mary Kahl; Janelle Fereday (John's daughter-in-law); Jennifer Snitker; Nonie Duff; Dorothy Perry.

WE GRIEVE WITH . . .

Mary & Grant Gubbrud on the death of Mary's father, Fred Rittershaus.

Joyce & Dave Riley on the death of their son, Ben Sink.

Renae & Drew Beneke on the death of Renae's mother, Anna Mae.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

Our 8:00 altar flowers are given by Walt & Dee Senchina.

Our 10:00 altar flowers are given by Todd & Sarah Parsons in celebration of their 16th wedding anniversary.

Today's donuts are sponsored by Niki & Mark Strassburg.

	Oct-25				Fiscal YTD		
	Revenue	Expense	Net		Revenue	Expense	Net
Church	68,932.86	74,179.26	(5,246.40)		473,739.98	411,534.07	62,205.91
Preschool/Childcare	62,371.62	69,322.52	(6,950.90)		444,381.90	472,348.40	(27,966.50)
Total	131,304.48	143,501.78	(12,197.30)		918,121.88	883,882.47	34,239.41

Submit A Prayer
Request:



Visitor
Connection Card:



Support Financially:



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St. John Staff Located on the St. John website

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John Kohagen. **Shawn Smeins, Treasurer**
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Faith Formation & Lifelong Learning Rose Lorenz
Human Resources Jim Denholm
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Property Resource Team Larry Prohaska
Technology & Communication Nick Frerichs

Worship Attendance:

Nov. 16: 427 in-person & 27 online